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NCPL - The National Citizens for Public Libraries is an outgrowth of the 1979 White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. The group was organized by conferees who were aware that nothing short of a broad-based national citizens effort could accomplish the high goals set by the conference.

NCPL is a non-profit voluntary citizens action group whose goals are to keep citizens informed about public libraries and their needs; to organize local grass roots committees and statewide organizations; to alert public officials about public library problems; and to support state and federal legislation to assist public libraries.

NCPL is not a professional librarians organization, although librarians are free to join as interested citizens. NCPL is not in competition with Friends groups, but is a supplemental organization whose principal function is to fill gaps where library user organizations do not exist or where existing groups do not feel they can properly support library legislation.

NCPL is soliciting dues-paying members ($10 per year) and volunteer members (willing to write to public officials and distribute educational materials when requested). Dues-paying members will receive a quarterly newsletter and a free copy of "For the People, Fighting for Public Libraries" by Whitney North Seymour, Jr., and Elizabeth N. Layne.

Write to: Membership Secretary, National Citizens for Public Libraries, Box 998, General Post Office, Brooklyn, NY 11202.

PEOPLE - Fran Wendtland has been named head librarian at Butte-Silver Bow Public Library. She replaces interim director Kathy O'Connor who was hired in February when Joyce Bouchard resigned. Mrs. Wendtland was formerly head librarian in a public library in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Lucille Erickson, librarian for 14 years at Sidney Public Library, has resigned.

AS SHADOWS ON THE HILLS by Dorothy Weston Larson has been reprinted. It is available from Sandstone Publishing, P. O. Box 21313, Billings, MT 59104 for $10 plus $1.50 mailing charge per copy.

PNLA NEWS REPORTER - Sandra Cestnik is Montana's news reporter for the PNLA Quarterly. She would appreciate any timely news items that anyone wishes to contribute. Write to Sandra Cestnik, Assistant Humanities Librarian, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

PEOPLE - Mabel Brewer, head librarian of the Flathead County Library, Kalispell, for 13 years, was honored at a retirement dinner July 12 at the Outlaw Inn. Mrs. Brewer is replaced by John Burton.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRESS - Construction bids were received July

16 on a complex to house the Montana State Library, State Law Library, Supreme Court and the Attorney General.

The Justice/Montana State Library will be located in Helena on the Capitol Complex on East Sixth Avenue. The 1979 Legislature appropriated $6,650,000 for the construction of the complex.

Sunrise Construction, Helena, was awarded the general construction contract; Goggins and Pennie, Inc., Great Falls, the electrical contract; and 4G Plumbing and Heating, Missoula, the mechanical construction contract.

A Fall, 1982, completion date is expected.

Bids for furnishing the complex were received November 12.

Architect is Page-Werner and Partners of Great Falls.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE REPORT - Two delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services, Karen Everett and Arlo Skari, and Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, attended a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Implementation of the White House Conference Resolutions (or 114 Committee) September 15-17, 1980, in Minneapolis. Following are reports from the two delegates:

KAREN EVERETT, WHCLIS DELEGATE FROM SHEPHERD

The follow-up committee of the White House Conference on Libraries met in Minneapolis Sept. 15-17, 1980, to help implement the White House Conference resolutions and, at least, sustain interest in those resolutions in order to see them through to fulfillment. The follow-up committee, called the Ad Hoc Committee, consisted of one lay and one library-related person from each state, territory, and possession--114 possible delegates with 90 in attendance in Minneapolis. (The Governor's Conference and the White House Conference consisted of 2/3 lay and 1/3 library-related delegates.)

At Minneapolis we elected officers and representatives to an interim or steering committee. That committee consists of a representative from each federal district--an attempt at regional distribution to carry on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.

During the meeting we also wrote implementation schemes for each of the White House Conference resolutions: assigning agents (who should do what) and deadlines or time limits to each resolution as well as deciding which resolutions needed more research and information before further action could be taken.

As the meeting neared completion we were told that most library legislation in the Congress (if not all) at that time--new acts or proposals as well as revisions of Old ones --would all "die" at the close of the session and must be resubmitted in the new session after the election. Eileen Cooke, director, ALA Washington Office, spoke to us and gave us a list of bills her office was monitoring in Congress. She seems very much in control and very efficient. It was refreshing to hear from someone who knew what was going on in the Congress!

At the meeting we were also introduced to the new executive director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Services, Dr. Toni Bearman. She seemed personable and interested and even ate dinner with our Montana group one evening!

As far as the future of library legislation and the White House Conference resolutions is concerned, things seemed clouded. We must now wait until the new Congress convenes before we can launch any concerted lobbying effort. Lingering regional bickering and the old "lay" vs. "professional" library antagonisms continue, as well as a mutual

suspicion between the National Commission and the White House Conference participants. In this respect, the follow-up meeting depressed me after the hard-working, up-beat White House Conference. But the need now is to put all that in-fighting away because the task of enacting and funding any major library acts in the future is momentous. The country's librarians can't do it without the help of the lay people; the National Commission can't do it without the White House Conference participants. Lay people, librarians, all national groups must compromise and work together to make any future library dreams a reality.

ARLO SKARI, WHCLIS DELEGATE FROM CHESTER - Ad Hoc Committee on Implementation of the White House Conference Resolutions.

The meeting in Minneapolis, Sept. 15-17, 1980 was interested primarily in the implementation of resolutions (WHC) which more or less depended on increased funding and not in the resolutions per se. The general design of the conference was how the resolutions would be carried out and who would be involved.

In the summary booklet compiled after the White House Conference the people involved believed that a comprehensive National Library and Information Services Program requires a variety of legislative and administrative actions. No single piece of legislation can be the appropriate vehicle for all of these actions. Many other Federal, State and Local initiatives are necessary.

After the WHC the resolutions were arranged in six basic categories: Goals and Objectives; Organization and Finance; Technology, Resource Sharing and Education; Special Constituent Concerns; International Issues; and Conference Follow-up and Commendation. The latter is what this meeting was all about but the foregoing resolutions were regrouped into ten categories for more effective implementation. It was apparent that the program for this meeting was well planned by Library people and we simply followed the format; this is of course necessary for an effective conference.

The ten categories were as follows: 1. National Leadership Support, 2. National Library and information services resources in the public and private sectors, 3. Community library and information services, 4. Statewide library and information services, 5. International library and information services, 6. Education and training, 7. Research, development and technological applications affecting library and information services, 8. Technical assistance for library and information services, 9. Funding, 10. Enact the proposed National library and information services act. The delegates (two from each state and territory) were divided into five groups with each group taking on two categories each. Each resolution or groups of similar resolutions were worked on using a preestablished worksheet which divided the plan of action as such: implementation tasks, agents (those who can take action), starting and completion time for the task, activators, (those who can influence agents), and the role and responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Committee. A copy of the implementation worksheets can be obtained from the state library.

A steering committee of the Ad Hoc Committee was formed consisting of four officers and an additional five members, one coming from each of five regional areas of the United States and its Territories. The purpose of this committee is to spearhead the national lobby effort, identify sources to obtain funding, and to plan the next meeting of the Committee and such other functions as Steering Committee deems appropriate. The machinery is now set up and we can assume that it will crank up after the elections.

Charles Benton and Bessie Moore of the NCLIS asked to be recognized by the chair and both were concerned with possible overriding roles of this Steering Committee and their group. Their words seemed to be heeded by this newly formed committee.

The main concern of this conference was obviously more library services thru new sources

of funding. Improvement of libraries by other means such as more community involvement; review of priorities; selling the library concept to more people, etc. was left up to the individual libraries and their helpers.

COMMUNITY ARTS BOOKSHELF PROJECT - During October the Montana Arts Council deposited a collection of arts resource titles with 18 local public libraries and the Montana State Library in Helena. Titled "Community Arts Bookshelf" the books cover a wide variety of topics which will be useful to individual artists, cultural organizations and interested citizens. This effort to provide locally available resources and technical information on community arts development is supported through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, with the cooperative efforts of the Montana Arts Council and Montana State Library.

Topics addressed in the collection include folklife, arts in education, arts organization administration, uses of graphics, working with the media, long range planning, fund raising, grantwriting and others.

The books and pamphlets have been distributed to public libraries in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Chester, Dillon, Forsyth, Glasgow, Glendive, Great Falls, Hardin, Havre, Helena, Kalispell, Lewistown, Libby, Miles City, Missoula and Sidney.

JOHN COTTON DANA AWARD - Entries for the 1980 John Cotton Dana Library Public relations Awards contest are due by February 6, 1981. The contest is now sponsored by the Public Relations Section of ALA's Library Administration and Management Association and the H. W. Wilson Co.

Rules and entry forms are available from: H. W. Wilson Co., 950 University Ave., Bronx, NY 10452.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM - Guidelines for the submission of applications for the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant Program are now available. The Challenge Grant Program is intended to assist humanities institutions to improve their operations and to achieve financial stability by stimulating new and increased support from non-federal sources. Grants are made on a matching basis, and for each federal dollar awarded, three dollars in new or increased donations are required.

Eligible institutions include, but are not limited to: public and private colleges and universities; junior and community colleges; educational, cultural, professional and community groups and associations; museums; historical organizations; research and public libraries; research institutions; centers for advanced study; and media production and broadcast stations.

Applications are due by May 1, 1981.

For copies of the guidelines write to: Challenge Grant Guidelines, Mail Stop 351, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506.

DR. SEUSS DAY - Dorita Lindahl, family editor, Hibbing Daily Tribune, Hibbing, Minnesota, was successful in early 1980 in persuading Gov. Jerry Brown of California and Gov. Albert Quie of Minnesota to proclaim March 2, 1980, Theodore Seuss Giesel's 76th birthday, as Dr. Seuss Day.

She seeks to have declared March 1-7, 1981, as Dr. Seuss Week and March 2, 1981, Dr. Seuss Day. Libraries around the country would have birthday cards available for their young patrons to sign. These would be mailed to Dr. Seuss on his birthday.

SPOTLIGHT ON - DILLON CITY LIBRARY - A granddaughter of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. Sidney Hooker, was the first librarian at Dillon City Library. In 1888, the Reverend and Mrs. Hooker organized a book club. In 1890 a citizens' meeting was held and a library association was formed to plan housing a library. The Masonic Lodge donated a room for the first library and the citizens of Dillon donated their time and money to its development. Mrs. Hooker directed theatrical performances to help raise funds for the free library. The library was moved to a grocery store, then to a bank and then to the Episcopal Church Parish House. While the library was housed in the Parish House, Rev. Hooker circulated a petition requesting the City Council to assess city property one mill for the operation of the library. The proposition was favorably passed at an election in April 1891, and the first members of the board of trustees were named by the Mayor.

By 1901 the collection had outgrown its quarters at the Parish House. The chairman of the board of trustees, Rev. Henry Cope, asked the Andrew Carnegie Endowment Fund for $7,500 to build a new library. It was completed in December, 1902. The building, now on the national register of historic places, has a medieval, church-like appearance. The building has undergone necessary maintenance and improvements, but is unaltered from its original appearance.

Special collections have been developed over the years, such as a collection of Shakespeare's plays and poetry. The interest from a memorial fund is used for the purchase of books.

The Dillon City Library's collection contains 13,470 titles. Chairman of the board of trustees is Mrs. Carl Davis. Librarian is Joan McDougal.

PEOPLE - New public librarians:
Mrs. Diana Vance, Boulder Community Library
Maureen Strazdas, Choteau Public Library
Cindy Sims, Darby Public Library
Mrs. Toni Knudson, Highwood Station, Choteau County
Esther E. Fakins, Moore Memorial Library
Mrs. Blanche Richardson, Plains Public Library
Peggy J. Dennis, Polson City Library
Miss Debra Boyd, Poplar City Library
Teri Dranstad, St. Regis Branch, Mineral County
Pat Kanning, Daniels County Free Library, Scobey
Jacci Wooten, Whitefish Branch, Flathead County
Susan Rittenhouse, Wisdom Women's Club Library.

MONTANA FOLKLIFE PROJECT - The Montana Arts Council, through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, will produce a series of radio programs on Montana folklife under the direction of folklorist Michael Korn. Among these recorded materials will be examples of old-time fiddling, Native American traditions and other music reflecting some of Montana's cultures, including cowboy and ethnic music. Also to be featured will be folk tales and stories from around the state. This taped series will be offered to all radio stations in the state as public affairs programming.

The MAC will make the tapes available to the Montana State Library, Division for the Blind and Handicapped. The division will duplicate the tapes for loan to its patrons around the state.

WATER RESOURCES SURVEYS - Millie Sullivan, Research Specialist, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, reports that heavy use is being made, at the local library level, of the Water Resource Surveys, published by the State Engineers Office.

She reports that patrons are using the documents in their efforts to prove water rights'

claims under the provisions of 85-2-221, MCA.

These documents are being circulated at the local level, and in many cases, are not returned to the library or returned with missing pages, especially map pages.

These documents are out of print and there are only a handful of complete sets for all Montana counties. Mrs. Sullivan suggests that in order to meet the needs of all local library patrons, Water Resource Surveys be treated as reference material to be used in the library only. Montana State Library's collection of these documents is currently being cataloged as reference material.

MONTANIANA

This section of the Newsletter will list all Montana items added to the collection of the State Library. The State Library will continue to list only those items available in its collection. Prepublication notices cannot be accepted.

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PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM
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CONCEPTUAL STAGE STUDY
BUSINESS RELOCATION
JANUARY 16, 1991

The FHWA has recently issued a directive which requires more detailed studies of possible business relocations and necessitates a change in our policy regarding preparation of the Relocation Conceptual Study. It is felt that additional planning and assistance is needed to protect businesses, particularly those operating under marginal conditions where disruptions in clientele and cash flows are critical.

The Relocation Conceptual Study will be made at the earliest possible time, and in any event, no later than necessary to coincide with the environmental impact studies. The Relocation Agent making the study will contact all businesses which may be affected on all reasonable alternates under consideration and advise them of the possibility they will be required to relocate. At this time he will determine the nature of the business and its particular needs, considering clientele, location, environment, transportation needs, zoning, availability of relocation sites, etc., and assess the impacts of its relocation, both as to the business and its clientele. He will explore and advise all businesses of possible sources of funding or other resources such as tax abatements and tax incentives which may be available to them. These may include Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Small Business Administration, as well as other State and local entities. He will also discuss with the business owners and/or managers the relocation benefits to insure that they are made fully aware of all benefits to which they are entitled if required to relocate.

The facts and results of consultations with the businesses and advisory services provided must be documented in the Conceptual Study Report.

The Relocation Agent should be continually available to provide any relocation advisory services indicated.

It is not intended that individuals and families will be contacted during the conceptual stage. The required information may usually be obtained by visual inspection of the area and from available secondary or community sources.

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Chief - Right of Way Bureau

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